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Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re:

U.S. Application No. 10/630,573

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Title:

Primers and Primer Sets for Use in Methods to

Detect the Presence of Acidovorax Avenae Subsp.

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Applicant(s): James CUCUZZA *et al.* Atty. Docket: 20612.072/P30641US01

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

- 1. an Amendment and Response to the Office Action mailed July 12, 2006;
- 2. an Information Disclosure Statement;
- 3. a Form PTO-1449 (listing and supplying one reference); and
- 4. a return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

Applicants request that the following fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing docket number 20612.072:

\$ 200.00

additional claims fee

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information disclosure statement fee

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees, other than the above (\$380.00), are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any additional fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby

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authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number 20612.072. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures